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1. The Danube is definitely navigable from Linz to Bratislava. The principle obstacle is the collapsed bridge at Tulln, which lies in three sections in the river. From on the spot observation on 27 February 1947, it was ascertained that seventy-five percent of the reconstruction of this former railway bridge had been completed. Boats and loaded barges can pass through a forty-meter breach made between the sections lying in the river. There is, however, no traffic in this zone, although some Russian boats occasionally go up as far as Vienna.
2. From Bratislava to the Black Sea the river is navigable. No mine fields are known to exist. Nothing is known concerning buoys or dredging. It is certain, nevertheless, that boats belonging to the joint companies founded by the Russians do ply the river, as well as Greek boats on the maritime Danube. All that is known about these companies is their name: Maszofert (Hungary); Ceskoslovenska Dunajska Plavba (Czechoslovakia); Sovrom Transport (Romania). The Bulgarians are said not to have any boats in use. There is no information on Yugoslavian Danube traffic.

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